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on Cuba offensive weapon problem with Sovs, Cubans, UN and Red Cross

were very fluid, there has been rapid progress by the Sovs in loading

missiles aboard freighters, some of which have already sailed.

US photographic reconnaissance of removals from sites to ports to

vessels, plus expected alongside verification at sea by US Navy

(to be done by helicopter in case of bad weather) apparently will

satisfy US Govt that Sovs have removed the missiles from Cuba.

However, negative evidence that no missiles remain can only be had

by on-the-spot verification. Such verification plus removal of

IL-28's and safeguards against reintroduction offensive weapons

into Cuba remain outstanding issues.

US suspects Sovs will announce by Saturday that all missiles

have been removed and thus verification issue no longer relevant

and continued quarantine illegal.

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[On IL-28's, Sovs maintaining these not offensive weapons, although US had specifically mentioned them as such. While US position on removal of IL-28's is firm [

] Matter of safeguards against reintroduction could be handled by Red Cross inspection, although ICRC has stated it will not participate unless Cuban Govt agrees. Cubans have not yet agreed, although they have not refused.]

No information available on Mikoyan talks in Havana.

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